



State of California – The Resources Agency  
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION

## NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

**TO:** Office of Planning and Research  
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Sacramento, CA 95814

**FROM:** Department of Parks and Recreation  
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**PROJECT TITLE:** UCSB Santa Barbara Coastal Long Term Ecological Research

**LOCATION:** Gaviota, Refugio, El Capitan State Beach      **COUNTY:** Santa Barbara

**DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT:** This project is part of the University of California Santa Barbara Coastal Long Term Ecological Research. The principal goal of this research is to understand influences of terrestrial runoff on kelp forest ecosystems and near shore waters. Stream gauge stations located in Gaviota and Refugio Creeks measure stream stage and water temperature year-round. Tipping bucket rain gauges installed at Refugio and El Capitan State Beaches record liquid precipitation. Automated water sampling equipment installed at Gaviota and Refugio Creeks will be used for storm sampling. A DPR Right of Entry Permit will be issued. DPR standard project requirements have been incorporated into this project and can be obtained by contacting the environmental coordinator.

**PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING THE PROJECT:** California Department of Parks and Recreation

**NAME OF DIVISION OR DISTRICT CARRYING OUT THE PROJECT:** Channel Coast District

**EXEMPT STATUS:**

- ☐ Declared Emergency (Section 15269(a))  
☐ Emergency Project (Section 15269(b) and (c))  
☐ Statutory Exemption (Section )  
☒ Categorical Exemption

Class: 5, 6

Section: 15305, 15306

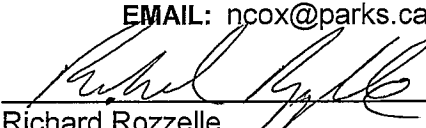
**REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT:** No potential for significant impact to the environment is anticipated in compliance with CEQA §15300.2. If the project is implemented as indicated within the project description including conditions provided by specialists, then it is exempt under CEQA §15305 – Minor Alterations in Land Use Limitations and §15306 – Information Collection. The action falls under the Departmental List of Exempt activities according to CEQA § 15300.4 as outlined in the Department of Operations Manual, Chapter 0600:

- "Issuance of easements and permits" (Class 5, Section 15305)
- "Resource studies, inventories" (Class 6, Section 15306)

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